

The RCC Weekly

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From the Writing Center

On November 16th, the Writing Center hosted a presentation by Dean Tala Khudairi, *Revisiting the Middle East: A Fulbright Year Reviewed*. Dr. Khudairi related her experience as a Fulbright Scholar



teaching at the Pharmaceutical College of the University of Jordan, her work with the faculty and administration in demonstrating the need for developing and publishing outcomes for global recognition of the college, and her interaction with the students and their journey towards more open methods of teaching and learning. Attendees were also treated to a glimpse of life in the Middle East through an exciting slide show that showed the Dean and her family water hiking, sightseeing, and enjoying their year in Jordan.

On Tuesday, November 29th, the Writing Center will host a grant-writing workshop, *Demystifying the Grant Process*, led by our Director of Grants Development, Theresa Brewer, and our new Grant Writer, Dr. Yvonne Anthony. This session will cover the various types of grants, how to locate funding opportunities, and a review of the College's institutional process in grants development. The workshop is open to interested RCC faculty and staff, and is designed to help them bring life to special projects they want to develop. This is the first session of the workshop series. Please RSVP to Judith Kahalas at jkahalas@rcc.mass.edu.

Mark Your Calendar!

Faculty Meeting with VP Mercomes:
Nov 29 (11:30am in the Faculty Lounge)

Demystifying the Grant Process
(Writing Center): Nov 29 (11:30-1pm), Dec 6 (11:30-1pm)

Pre-Registration for Spring Semester:
Nov 28-Dec 2

Holiday Party: Dec 14 (2-5pm in the Reggie)

Mentoring Celebration Event

Nearly 30 participants of the *Mentoring for Success* program came together for a celebration on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Mentors and mentees shared some of their goals, talked about the people who had been an important influence in their lives, and had a great time together with some food, prizes, and good company. See group photo on page 2.

We look forward to getting to know each other and seeing where this mentoring year can go!

NEASC

In a letter to President Gomes, NEASC expressed appreciation to the College for its commendable Fifth-Year Interim Report. Kudos to Michael Walker, who worked so diligently on the report.



Thanksgiving Closing

Reminder: Classes will resume on Monday, November 28th. Saturday classes will not meet.

Faculty Evaluations

DCE evaluations will be conducted from November 28th through December 2nd this year. Faculty can pick up packets and instructions in the DCE Office. Full-Time faculty evaluations will be conducted from December 5th through December 9th. Packets and instructions will be available in your division offices.

Did You Know . . .

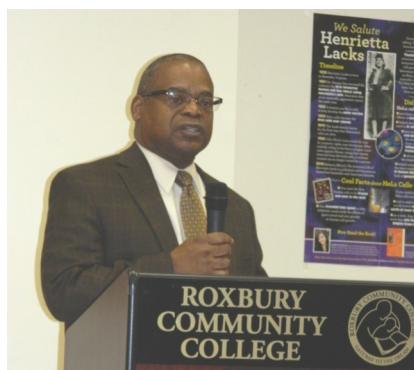
. . . that of the students who begin RCC college-ready, they graduate in 5 years at a rate of 45%

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One Book, One Campus

The third and final Kick-Off Event was another terrific success. Many faculty, students and staff were in attendance to hear the panel of students and faculty members talk about their reactions to *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.

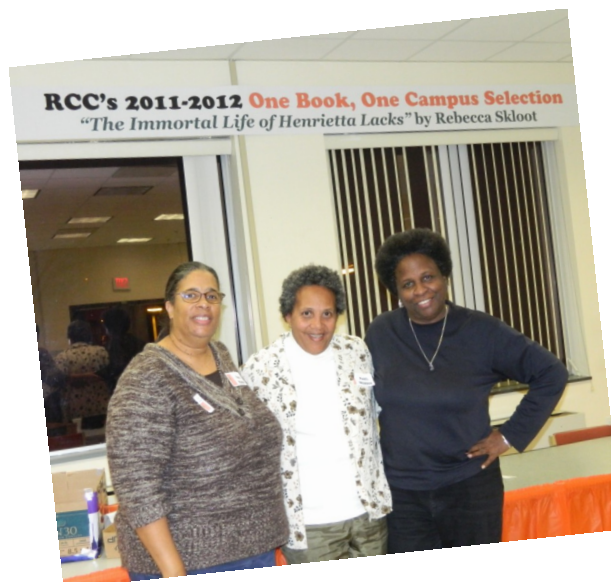


Dean Garth, the wonderful MC for all three events

Professor Thrash read an excerpt from the book and shared her thoughts briefly. Sidney Patricia Chambers, a student, shared how much she enjoyed the book with some very personal insights. Professor Malone spoke about the importance of the book for our students.

After listening to the panel, the audience perused the impressive poster session. There were displays from many students as well as the Science Department, who displayed some lab equipment which students had the opportunity to manipulate (stay tuned for more information in the spring about the Science Department's Open House). Also, Dean Garth provided refreshments and distributed HeLa posters. If you would like one, please contact Dean Garth.

One of the student math tutors won Tuesday night's raffle for the Nook.



ABOVE: Panel members

BELOW: A student enjoying one of the poster displays



Mentors & Mentees at the Mentoring Welcome Event

Thank You

The "One Book, One Campus" committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the three kick-off events a success.

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu